Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—For about three to four months.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan:— What are the chief points which the Government considered in this matter ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— All relative points connected with the management of the estate.

Major Departments of the State—Reduction of expenditure in.

122. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what steps the Government propose to take to reduce expenditure in the major Departments of the State Administration?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—Government have not considered the question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Has this question been brought to the notice of the Government before ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—In the last meeting of the last Legislative Session was not a resolution moved regarding this subject and was not the resolution discussed in this Council ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Was not this point, Sir, pressed in the recent sitting of the Standing Finance Committee ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— The point was raised in the Standing Finance Committee and the point has been noted.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Am I to take it, Sir, that Government had already an occasion to consider this question ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— The point has been noted. Definite action will be taken on this point when considered necessary.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Will they expedite ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— Government have not considered the question. If necessity arises they will.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan:— May I know what is the use of noting this point ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— The points are noted for the guidance of the Government and if an occasion should arise regarding a point they would consider it.

Professional beggars.

123. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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